

Boston, June 17, 1854.

Dear Mr. May:

Home again! My trip to Longwood, Baltimore, Washington, exceeded in pleasantness, satisfaction and enjoyment all my anticipations. The weather was uniformly fine, and every where I was received with marked courtesy and kindness. At Baltimore and Washington I saw and heard much to confirm the cheerful view I take of the state of the good and glorious cause in which we have so long labored together. My interviews with President Lincoln and Secretary Stanton were private ones, and very satisfactory as to their spirit and feelings on the slavery question. But I have not time to go into particulars.

My special object in writing is to say, that we are to have a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Anti-Slavery Society, at the Anti-Slavery

Office, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock; and it is of such vital importance that your presence is quite indispensable. It is to determine, perhaps, the fate of all our organized operations.

So enthusiastically and radically anti-slavery was the great loyal national convention at Baltimore, in the speeches made, the resolutions adopted, and the platform agreed upon, that I was strongly led to hope that our friend Phillips would alter his feelings towards the Administration; especially in view of the farcical character of the Cleveland Convention and the semi-copperhead letter of Fremont. But I am disappointed. I have just seen him, and find he is more impassioned than ever in his feelings, and consequently more confirmed in his opposition to the President. The Standard, of to-day, had so incensed him in what it says about the two conventions, that he showed me a note which he had just written to Bowditch, for-

bidding him, as Treasurer of the American Anti-Slavery Society, paying one cent more towards sustaining the Standard — pronouncing ~~it~~ a partisan Lincoln sheet! — Of course, an earnest conversation ensued between us — winding up with both agreeing that a meeting of the Executive Committee should be held on Monday, at 12 o'clock, M. to determine what is to be done. I trust you will come without fail. Phillips claims that he has three times committed the Anti-Slavery Society, by resolution, against the Administration — ergo, the Standard ought to conform to its decision! I fear he may take with him a majority of the Executive Committee. But, whether the majority be on one side or the other, it looks as if we are to be rent asunder, and ~~the~~^{our} organized operations brought to an immediate close.

I am glad to find that my dear wife has perceptibly improved during my absence. Our joint love to you all at home.

Faithfully yours, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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